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Rapid City National Guard unit to deploy to Europe

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard's 216th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team) has received an official mobilization order for deployment to Romania scheduled for July 2017.

The Rapid City-based 216th is a three-member headquarters element with a mission to provide command and control of assigned or attached firefighting teams to provide fire protection of aviation assets, facilities and installations in the European Command area of operation.

The unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas.

This will be the second mobilization for the 216th, which deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from December 2003-June 2005.

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